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Shaving Mugs	Sugar & Cream Sets
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Cups and Saucers	China Toys
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Brush and Comb	Boys Lanterns
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Toys of All Kinds

Thousands of Other Useful Articles

Northern Commercial Co.

KELLY BLOCK, BROADWAY

ALASKAN LAWS

The President Gives Good Advice to Congress.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

McKinley Pays Attention to Alaska—Need Municipal Government and Another Judge.

President McKinley, in his annual message, delivered to congress December 5th, recommends that congress grant more extensive self government for Alaska. This territory, he says, should have a form of municipal government and a legislative council with authority to make laws, subject to the approval of congress, when in session, or of the president during the recess of congress, similar to that originally provided for Louisiana territory when purchased from France. The president also recommends an additional judge.

That portion of the president's message pertaining to Alaska follows, in full:

A necessity for immediate legislative action exists in the territory of Alaska. Substantially, the only law providing a civil government for the territory is the act of May 17, 1884. This is meagre in its provisions and is fitted only for the administration of affairs in a country sparsely inhabited by civilized people and unimpaired in trade and production, as was Alaska at the time this act was passed. The increase in population by immigration during the past few years, consequent upon the discovery of gold, has produced such a condition as calls for more ample facilities for local self government, and more numerous conveniences of civil and judicial administration. Settlements have grown up in various places, constituting in point of population and business cities of thousands of inhabitants, yet there is no provision of law under which a municipality can be organized or maintained. In some localities the inhabitants have organized themselves into municipal corporations, but these have not been approved and in some cases creating and regulating a police force, a fire department, a department of health and making provision for the care of insane and indigent poor and sick and for public schools have been passed. These proceedings and ordinances passed by such municipalities are without statutory authority and have no sanction, except as they are maintained by the popular sentiment of the community. There is an entire absence of authority to provide the ordinary instrument of local police control and administration, the population consisting of the usual percentage of lawless adventurers of the class that always flouts to new fields of enterprise or discovery, and under circumstances which require more than ordinary provision for the maintenance of peace, good order and lawful conduct.

"The whole vast area of Alaska comprises but one judicial district with one judge, one marshal and one district attorney, yet the civil and criminal business has more than doubled during the past year, and is many times greater, both in volume and importance than it was in 1884. The duties of the judge require him to travel thousands of miles to discharge his judicial duties at the various places designated for the purpose. The territory should be divided into at least two districts and an additional judge, district attorney, marshal and other appropriate officers be provided.

There is practically no organized form of government in the territory. There is no authority except in congress to pass any law, no matter how local or trivial, and the difficulty of conveying to the congress an adequate conception and understanding of the various needs of the people in the different communities is easily understood. I see no reason why a more complete form of territorial organization should not be provided.

Following the precedent established in the year 1805, when a temporary government was provided for the recently acquired territory, then known under the name of Louisiana, it seems to me that it would be advantageous to confer greater executive power upon the governor and to establish, as was done in the case of the territory of Louisiana, a legislative council having power to adopt or disapprove which shall extend to all the rightful subjects of local legislation, such ordinances not to take effect until reported to and approved by the congress, if in session, and if that body is not in session, then by the president. In this manner a system

of laws providing for the incorporation and government of towns and cities having a certain population, giving them the power to establish and maintain a system of education to be locally supported, and ordinances providing for police, sanitary and other such purposes should be speedily provided. I believe a provision of this kind would be satisfactory to the people of a territory. It is probable that the area is too vast and the population too scattered and transitory to make it wise at the present time to provide for an elective legislative body, but the conditions calling for local self government will undoubtedly very soon exist and will be facilitated by the measures which I have recommended.

FINE HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

Kaufman Bros. Store Elegantly Decorated and Furnished.

A bower of elegance will greet the gaze of those who step into Kaufman Bros. store tomorrow morning and open their eyes upon the beautiful holiday specialties that are there displayed. At the right are four arches fancifully decorated with ribbons and laces, and spanning displays of different lines of ladies' more elegant goods, while at the left is an arch set off and given body by an array of one of the finest and most elaborate lines of gentlemen's neckwear ever brought to Alaska, together with fancy vests and other neat and handsome articles of wear that go to make up a thoroughly furnished gentleman's dress outfit.

The fancy decorating and designing, the credit for which must be given to Mr. A. P. Meeker, of the establishment, is one of the finest pieces of work of that kind ever done in Alaska. Delicately tinted silk ribbons and rich laces are deftly arranged in festoons, folds, windings and parallel ribs, and under the side of the arches are various lines of goods. Under the first arch are elegant imported dress patterns on the left, and beautiful waists of different colors on the other side, intermingled with quality embroidered silk and linen handkerchiefs.

Under another arch are silk petticoats, fans, belts, evening gloves and cut steel buckles, while beneath neither are silk and lisle stockings, colored vests, hosiery and underwear. The last arch spans above a suspended display of beautiful ladies' and gentlemen's shoes of latest styles, notably among them being hand turned kid slippers with upper heel and colored satin and velvet linings.

and elderdown comforters are a fine line

FOSTER IS PARDONED

Lieutenant of Soapy Smith Released From Prison.

W. F. Foster, alias "Slim Jim," has been pardoned by President McKinley. He was one of the first lieutenants of the notorious Soapy Smith, and took a prominent part in the lawlessness that was so common here about 18 months ago.

After Smith was killed Foster and a number of others were tried and sentenced to imprisonment at Sitka. Foster has served 12 months of his time, and is to be released now for the fact that he is understood to be dying of consumption. Foster does not know he has been pardoned. The papers bearing the order for pardon arrived in Juneau on the last Cottage City, and were received by Marshal Shoup, there attending court. Had the marshal been at Sitka, and the papers received there, Foster would have had two weeks less to serve. As it is he will have to wait until the Cottage City makes her next visit to Sitka to receive news of the pardon.

The news of the pardon was received here yesterday through H. E. Battin, collector of internal revenue, who returned from Juneau on the Al-Kl.

Old man Triplett, spoken of in a familiar way as Trip, has served his time, and is sojourning in the salubrious climate of Seattle. Bowers, another of the gang, who balances the triplett, is still in jail, and will have served his time in four months.

Have you seen the fine display of Xmas goods at Ladies' Bazaar, 406 Broadway.

Monarch Shirts at Cheney's Boston Store.

Dr. O. F. Searl, office and residence on Holly street, near State, opposite the Com. Misary.

Swell novelties in neck wear at Cheney's Boston Store.

George Mowl has purchased the interest of Capt. F. N. Seiberg in the American Tailors' establishment, and will continue as manager of the business at the same old stand. Trade of the public solicited. Orders given prompt attention. 128 1st

Just arrived, the latest silks. The most complete line in the city, Ladies' Bazaar.

Genuine buckskin underwear at Clayton's.

FIGHTING SNOW

White Pass Road Making an Important Experiment.

TRYING PANEL FENCES

Big Snowsheds Will Be Completed Christmas—Drops Opened at Log Cabin, White Pass, Fraser.

The White Pass & Yukon railroad has begun the experiment of using snow fences along some of the more exposed parts of the line. Other important work is being pushed along the line between Skagway and Bennett. Three new depots have been opened this week. The construction of five new stalls at the Skagway roundhouse was begun day before yesterday. The extensive system of snowsheds, so far as planned for this winter, will be finished by Christmas.

The new snow fences are being put up just north of White Pass station. The experiment with them is being made at the instance of Division Superintendent Rogers, who has seen the utility of the fences demonstrated satisfactorily at Great Northern, with which road it is connected for years before, by the present position with the White Pass & Yukon several weeks ago.

The snow fence comprises a series of panels, each twelve feet long and seven feet high. The faces of the panels are made of longitudinal boards, each four inches wide with alternating across four inches. The spaces give an opportunity for winds to pass through without offering a great resistance to the panels. The panels lean at an angle of perhaps 75 degrees, the acute angle opening on the side away from the track, thus affording a wedge-like space, in which the drifting snows may lodge against the boards of the structure. Pictured in a more simple way, the panels are simply board fences with the boards on lengthwise, and leaning backward from the tracks. The panels stand on an average 60 feet from the tracks and are placed along stretches of ground above cuts where trouble is had from the drifting snow.

The snow sheds are being moved and fifty of them have been sent already, and one hundred and fifty more are on cars at the shops ready to go forward.

They are being opened this week, they show points and White Pass and Fraser. Model modern railway. The business of American style. Besides the business of baggage departments, there are waiting rooms, offices for the agents, and living accommodations for the agents, and should they have them, for their families.

The new depots at Log Cabin and Fraser were moved into the day before yesterday, and that at White Pass on Wednesday. The one at Log Cabin is a quarter of a mile north of the old depot at that point. Work on the big snowsheds over the mountain has progressed under exceptionally favorable circumstances. The open weather in particular being of great help.

Fine Window Display.

One of the most attractive windows in Skagway is the fastidious that of Kelly & Co., the druggists. A sample of the elegant line of holiday goods the company has on hand is there displayed. The attractions in the window for the last week have been an array of beautiful dressing mirrors of various sizes in gold finishes, and an exquisite collection of high bordered, beveled and boxed perfumes of all grades and standard makes. A glimpse at these beautiful goods gives an idea of the splendid line of thoroughly up-to-date Christmas stock displayed on the shelves of this large and splendidly furnished wholesale and retail drug store. Notable among the specialties carried by the company are Lowrey's famous confections, just the thing to win a sweetheart or keep your wife forever a sweetheart and as adhesively loving as when the honeymoon was waxing.

Hotel Arrivals.

Pacific—John Vancourish, M. Spaulch, J. Carlson, G. Jorgenson, G. Estram, J. Bruggman, L. Nordude, A. Johnson, E. Erickson, O. Ling, M. Overland, F. Stone, L. Pogueart, W. Gray, Mr. Falconer, J. Dvnes, J. Skinner, Henry Wolf, Henry Turner, J. D. McClure, J. C. Wickman, E. Holme, P. Kelly, Perkins and Nelson, P. Ford.

Fifth Avenue—Miss Dorris Stilwell.

Golden North—M. Manree.

Brannick—John Farlev.

Occidental—H. C. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. E. Adler, I. W. Howell.

Mondamin—Mr. and Mrs. Ned Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Jack Ryan, T. Kramers, Geo. Armstrong, Lee Nelson, C. Perkins, W. F. Cargenter.

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